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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CISCO TWO

REF: (A) ADDIS 10215 (B) KHARTOUM 1997 (C) STATE
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1. WHILE BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE ITEM CITED PARA 2 REFTEL
(A) CERTAINLY IS NOT HELPFUL, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT
WOULD HELP EFFORTS TO FREE THE CISCO TWO IF WE WERE TO
ENGAGE IN OPEN EFFORT TO COUNTER SPECIOUS ALLEGATIONS THAT
HARRELL AND CAMPBELL WERE USG SPIES. SUCH IRAQI ALLEGA-
TIONS ARE NOT SURPRISING AND DENIALS FROM OFFICIAL USG
SOURCE MIGHT ONLY INCREASE SUSPICIONS THAT CISCO TWO DID,
IN FACT, WORK FOR QUOTE US ESPIONAGE MONITORING OFFICE IN
ERITREA END QUOTE.
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2. HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY BEIRUT BELIEVES BAGHDAD PRESS ITEM
MAY BE GIVEN WIDE DISTRIBUTION AND CREDIBILITY IN AUTHORITA-
TIVE CIRCLES UNLESS DENIED, IT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BRIEF
STATEMENT INDICATING ITS ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO

ALLEGATIONS OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES RE HARRELL AND CAMPBELL
AND THAT IT IS AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT SUCH ALLEGATIONS
ARE A COMPLETE FABRICATION WITHOUT ANY BASIS IN FACT.

(FYI: FAMILIES OF TWO MEN KNOW OF NO TRAVEL SUCH AS THAT
WHICH THEY ARE ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE, WITH EXCEPTION OF
HARRELL WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH US
ARMY. END FYI.) MOREOVER, BOTH MEN DENIED, IN RECENT
TAPED ABC INTERVIEW, THAT THEY HAVE EVER VISITED ISRAEL.
WE SEE NO HARM IN ADDING THAT USG CONTINUES TO HOPE FOR
AN EARLY RELEASE OF THESE AMERICAN CITIZENS. INGERSOLL

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